

well and one theory is that despite all the precautions of the model mine, the gas, which was found in the mine, was ignited. Others believe that powder or dynamite used for blasting exploded prematurely.

Whatever the cause, however, the whole shaft was completely wrecked, and with it all the ventilating apparatus so that immediately after the explosion the air supply of the entombed men was shut off. Even if any escaped instant death they can hardly have escaped suffocation.

The first band of rescuers to reach the scene were other miners and the resident officers of the company. They numbered sixty and they were forced to fight their way to the mouth of the shaft through the crowds of weeping, screaming women and children.

At first it was thought that some of the buried men might still be alive and the rescuers made attempts to reach them by the telephone system which stretched from the office on the surface to the bottom of the shaft. The telephone had been destroyed along with the air shaft, and when a moment later some of the diggers came upon three foreigners badly mangled even within 100 feet of the surface there remained little hope that any of the others might be living.

Rescuers Hasten to Mine.

Meanwhile the news of the disaster had been telegraphed to Pittsburgh and to all the neighboring mines in the district. When President Jones was told he collapsed from grief and chagrin over the astounding accident. He had believed that the model mines could not be wrecked by any means short of a cataclysm. The other officials of the company were equally astonished. But as soon as the president regained his presence of mind he hired special trains and filling the cars with wreckers, doctors, and nurses, he started for the scene, at the same time ordering other relief parties from Monongahela and adjacent mining towns.

No sooner had these parties arrived that it was seen that the work of rescue was well-nigh hopeless. The very machinery and structures erected to safeguard the mine now hindered in the efforts to reach the buried men.

Experts estimated at once that nearly 800 feet of coal boulders lay between the surface and the men beneath. It would take days to bore through this. Then it was determined to seek entrance to the men through one of the other two shafts.

Other Shafts Useless.

But here again for a time the rescuers were balked, for the other shafts, unfinished, do not yet contain the elaborate hoisting machinery that had been installed in the Rachael. Moreover, shaft No. 1, had been sunk only to a depth of 400 feet, so that even at the bottom of this the rescuers would still be far away from the victims. Investigation of the disaster further showed that shaft No. 1 also had been badly wrecked. The timbers lining this shaft were ripped from the sides and hurled into the air. Temporary construction work and unfinished portions of the steel tipples were also carried away or dropped back into the shaft, which is completely blocked.

Just where in the Marianna mine the disaster occurred cannot be ascertained. The main shaft, No. 1, connects with No. 2, the air or supply shaft, and the effects of the explosion consequently would be felt through every part of the workings. It is the general belief that the gas was ignited in the connection tunnel near the base of shaft No. 2, as the force of the explosion was felt worse here. There is apparently no hope of reaching the entombed men in the mines here before many hours.

Can't Reach the Bottom.

Superintendent F. C. Beeson, Fire Boss William Kennedy, and Mine Boss Joseph Kennedy went down in a bucket in mine No. 1 at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They were able to get only within forty feet of the bottom. Later, several experienced miners descended the steps inside the shaft, and succeeded after much difficulty, in reaching the bottom. Here they found further progress barred. The lateral heading from the bottom of the shaft into the mine proper was choked with much debris, and they gave it as their opinion that it would take many hours to clear this away. They do not think that it will be possible to get into the mine tonight.

So far, six dead men have been taken from the mine, as follows:

HENRY THOMPSON.
TWO UNIDENTIFIED MINERS.
CLARENCE WILLIAMS.
JOSEPH POWELL.
HENRY OWENS.

It is known positively that elsewhere in the mine are 180 men who are sure to be dead. Mine Inspector Loutitt stated that he did not think any of the men in the mine could survive. He is directing the rescue work at the mouth of the shaft.

Mine Not on Fire.

Some of the officials of the coal company believe it will be necessary to dig through 800 feet of solid coal from No. 2 shaft before they can reach the workings of shaft No. 2. It is not believed the mine is on fire at present, as there is no smoke coming either from the fan house or from the shaft.

One of two foreigners who managed to crawl from the shaft at the instant of the explosion said that a defective fan handled by an inexperienced hand caused the catastrophe, while another said that one of the men attempted to light his pipe. Whether this is true or not cannot be ascertained until those now in the mine are taken out.

State Troops on Guard.

During the afternoon Company A, of the State Constabulary, arrived on the scene and took charge of the work on the outside, placing ropes around the pit and keeping the great crowds in check. Far into the night men, women, and children, many without proper clothes, and some without shoes and stockings, pressed forward against the ropes, striving to get a glimpse of the black pit.

One woman whose husband and two sons are dead in the mine went mad, and, screaming, she rushed through the crowd and almost had reached the top of the shaft when she was caught by two guards and led back against with all her strength, and begging to be allowed to leap into the pit. Aside from this instance there was little disorder. The residents of the little town are stunned by their loss and have not yet realized the full extent of the calamity, nor will they until the bodies are brought to the surface. This work will not start, it is thought, until some time Monday.

Notable Mine Disasters

Johnstown, Pa., July 11, 1902—112 dead.
Anderlues, March 11, 1892—200 dead.
Nanaimo, Vancouver, May 4, 1887—170 dead.
Lund Hill, England, February 19, 1887—189 dead.
Sydney, Australia, March 23, 1887—87 dead.
Dour, Belgium, November 13, 1885—121 dead.
Berlin, Germany, August 19, 1885—57 dead.
Rhondda Valley, Wales, February 18, 1887—39 dead.
Mons, Belgium, March 5, 1885—37 dead.
Brazenall Mine, near Brownsville, Pa., December 24, 1880—30 dead.
Hill Farm Mine, Dunbar, Pa., June 16, 1890—31 dead.
Aber Valley, Wales, May 24, 1901—80 dead.
Harwick, Pa., January 28, 1904—189 dead.
Hanna, Wyo., June 20, 1903—200 dead.
Pas de Calais, France, March 10, 1900—over 1,000 dead.
Cananea, Mexico, June 1, 1906—100 dead.
Pocahontas Mine, Virginia, 1884—307 dead.
Newbury, W. Va., 1888—39 dead.
Red Ash, W. Va., March 6, 1900—46 dead.
Nashville Mine, Belmont, Pa., December 1, 1907—38 dead.
Monongah Mine, Fairmont, W. Va., December 7, 1907—350 dead.
Yolande Mine, Yolande, Ala., December 10, 1907—70 dead.

JURY EXCORIATES BUILDING BUREAU

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that there was any indication that there would be produced evidence to show the accidental pulling over of the erected structure by the hoisting engine.

The condemnation of the office of the Building Inspector was not unexpected, for during the progress of the probing yesterday that office showed up poorly. The Building Inspector, when he was on the stand Friday, did not tend to clear up matters, and when C. W. Somerville, computer in the office, testified during the last session, it became obvious that the jury was surprised at the revelations of conditions governing the inspection of District buildings.

All in Doubt.

Ashford, Somerville, and the two inspectors examined during the hearings admitted in various ways that no one seemed to know much about how a permit is to be secured in this city.

The session following the afternoon recess was short, Somerville going on the stand when the jury met after lunch and occupying practically all of the remaining time until the case went to jury.

Ashford Questions Right to Investigate

Building Inspector Snowden Ashford last night denied the authority of the coroner's jury to investigate his office as he declared it has done and met the scolding given him in the verdict with counter charges of improper conduct of the inquest and absolute denial of any carelessness or irregularities in his office.

He blamed Hibbs in a measure for his own death and explained how, by allowing the hoisted truss to strike the derrick guy wire, Hibbs was in a way responsible for the crashing of the derrick and the truss, weighing over four tons, fifty-five feet to the ground, carrying the iron frame with them.

"Whether intentionally or not," said Mr. Ashford, "Coroner Nevitt engineered the inquest so as to bring out criticism of my department, losing sight of the main object, which was to place blame for the accident and not to investigate my office. I would welcome an examination by a competent committee, but the coroner has exceeded his proper authority."

By Disgruntled Employee.

"The evidence offered by a disgruntled employee is the basis of the case against me. I am slated for discharge December 1, when his temporary appointment would expire. There is a conspiracy to get my scalp, and facts have been distorted and false statements made."

Death notices inserted in The Washington Times will, on request, be published in the next issue of The Baltimore News or The Philadelphia Evening Times without further charge.

Died

COLLIERS—On Saturday afternoon, November 28, 1908, at his residence in the Toronto, LUCIEN E. C. Collier, father of Corrad L. Collier, and Clarence W. Collier, in his sixty-second year.

Funeral announcement later.

IVES—On Friday, November 27, 1908, in his apartments at the Toronto, Washington, D. C., Major FRANK J. IVES, Medical Corps, Army.

Funeral services at St. Matthew's Church, 10 a. m., Monday, November 30.

BRITAIN—Saturday morning, November 28, 1908, at his residence, 234 Thirteenth street northwest, WILLIAM B. BRITAIN, aged seventy-three years.

SMITH—On Thursday, November 26, 1908, at 3:40 a. m., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. H. HESS, near Nominal, Va., JAMES FRANCIS SMITH, aged eighty-eight years.

WHITCRAFT—On Friday, November 27, 1908, Mrs. EMILIA WHITCRAFT (nee Wagner), beloved wife of Walter Whitcraft, at her residence, Ninth street and Michigan avenue, Brookland, D. C.

Funeral Tuesday morning, December 1, 1908, at 9 a. m., from St. Antony's Church, where requiem mass will be said. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment in St. Mary's.

RECAR—On Wednesday, November 26, 1908, GEORGE RECAR, at his residence, 2147 K st. n.w.

Funeral on Monday, November 30, from St. Paul's Church, at 11 a. m., thence to Lee's undertaking establishment, where the body will be cremated. Interment private.

George Recar was forty-six years old and a life-long resident of Washington. He had been for many years an employee of the Government Printing Office. Mr. Recar was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is survived by a sister, Martha Recar.

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SCHOOL FOR POLES ESTABLISHED HERE

Land for St. John Kantius College Bought Near Brookland.

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foundation there is great interest. The trend in establishing the National College at the American Capital will be to raise the standard of patriotism, to give the growing Poles an opportunity of studying the political aspects of their adopted country at first hand.

Religious Significance.

From the religious standpoint the foundation is equally significant. The Poles have been rather a turbulent element in some particulars, their pastors aver, because they have never been correctly comprehended nor treated by the American hierarchy. A foundation of their own at the great papal establishment which came into existence through the wish of Leo XIII that the American Catholics should have the best educational advantages is an incentive to their pride.

At the Catholic University, the establishment of a national college for the Poles is regarded as the first step toward realizing the broad policy which has been the dominant note in the administration of Bishop O'Connell. A college for the Catholic Poles will no doubt be followed in due course by schools for Catholic Germans and Italians and French and the various Slav races of Austria-Hungary.

Indicating that the scope of the university has far outgrown the policy which was followed in its early days is the well-founded statement that Jesuits will soon establish an affiliation with the university. This union is now being considered by the Congregation of Studies in Rome, of which Cardinal Satolli is the prefect, and by Father Wernz, the father general of the Jesuit order. The union has been eloquently advocated by Mgr. O'Connell ever since he came to Washington.

Other University Changes.

It is said that among the great changes which are coming over the Catholic University is the one which will let down the bars for professors chosen from religious orders. In the first days there was considerable acrimony because the Rev. Dr. Hogan was refused the chair of canon law because he was a member of the Sulpician order. The same controversy arose later when the Rev. Dr. Searle was appointed temporary professor of astronomy.

Bishop O'Connell has appointed a learned Dominican on the theological faculty, the Rev. D. J. Kennedy, the Paulist, former prior of the Dominican College, near the university.

Hereafter the policy of the university will be to draw the best professor possible for the special branch, and this quite apart from the fact that he is a religious rather than a secular priest or a layman. The provision in the charter of the university that it shall never pass under the control of any religious order was always intended to give direct control of Rome with a supervisory composed of the leading members of the American hierarchy.

MILE IN A MINUTE LOCOMOTIVE IN 1848

Central of Vermont Asked Baldwin for Such Speed in Early Days.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Nov. 28.—Attention is called to the part taken by the Central Vermont railroad in developing fast trains in a recent book, "The Marvels of Modern Mechanism and Their Relation to Social Betterment," by Jerome B. Crabtree.

It is pointed out that in 1848 the Central Vermont offered Mr. Baldwin \$10,000 for a locomotive that could draw a passenger train at the rate of sixty miles an hour. He completed and delivered to them the "Governor Paine," which has since been one of the driving wheels 64 feet in diameter, and was the first fast passenger locomotive. It was advertised that the locomotive could start from a rest, and run a mile in forty-three seconds.

WHITE MAN SHOTS NEGRO.

William Sykes, a negro, twenty-six years old, was shot and dangerously wounded shortly after 10 o'clock last night by an unknown white man who was accompanied by a young woman. The shooting occurred on the northeast corner of Vermont avenue and K street northwest.

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BONAPARTE SUED FOR LIGHT BILL

Electric Company Holds Attorney General Responsible as Trustee of Estate.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 28.—Charles J. Bonaparte, Attorney General of the United States, a personal and political friend of President Roosevelt, and a political reformer, was sued for an electric light bill in the court of common pleas today. The plaintiff is the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light, and Power Company, the concern that owns all the electric light in Baltimore.

The company says that Mr. Bonaparte owes it a bill of \$74.88, the lighting bill for four months at the Walbert apartment house, corner of Lafayette avenue and Charles street. Mr. Bonaparte doesn't own the Walbert nor does he live there, but he is responsible for the bills because he is trustee of the Abel estate which does own the place. Anyway, it is Mr. Bonaparte who has got to come into court and explain why he hasn't paid the bills for the four months of September, October, November, and December, 1907.

The company says that during these four months it supplied the current used in illuminating the apartment house, the price of which was \$74.88, and it adds that, although it performed its part of the lighting contract, Mr. Bonaparte has refused to pay for the same. Filed with the suit is an itemized account of the readings of the meters at the apartment house for the four months mentioned.

AUTO HITS BICYCLE; WOMAN IS DRIVER

Sons of Policemen Narrowly Escape Injury in a Collision.

Run down by an unidentified woman, driving an electric runabout, Lester Sontag, fifteen years old, and George Sontag, nine, sons of Policemen Sontag and Sontag, of the Eighth precinct, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday.

Young Sontag was riding his bicycle down Vermont avenue northwest, with Sontag on the handle bars, when the accident occurred. As they approached Q street an automobile turned into Vermont avenue and collided with the bicycle.

Both boys were hurled to the pavement, but aside from a few slight bruises and scratches neither was hurt. The bicycle was demolished. After learning that the boys were not injured the woman drove away in the machine. A small crowd soon congregated, but the number of the automobile was not obtained.

MEN NOT SATISFIED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 28.—Following the answer of General Manager Higgins, of the New Haven road, to the demands of the conductors and trainmen for better working conditions regarding mixed runs and overtime, in which he made some concessions to the men, it became known tonight that the answer is not satisfactory, and that the conference will continue. It is said if Higgins does not look more favorably on other points at issue the men will go direct to President Mellin.

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